

Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

June 2, 2005
3:00 p.m.

Dan Gover's Bloody Island Ranch
Anderson, CA

Vice Chair Glenn Hawes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was not a quorum of voting members present.

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	(Gary Evans)	(Ben Carter)	
Glenn	(Denny Bungarz)	Don Anderson	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	Dan Gover	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	(Russell Young)	
Tehama	(Ron Warner)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	(Duane Chamberlain)	Marc Faye	
Resources Agency			Jim McKeivitt
Cal DWR			Dwight Russell
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			(Pete Rabbon)
USF&WS			Darrin Thome
USCOE			(Mark Charlton)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Frank Michny)
Names listed in parentheses represent absences			
Manager Burt Bundy			
Assistant Ellen Gentry			
Resource Conservation Assistant Beverley Anderson-Abbs			

Other attendees: Stacy Cepello, DWR; Kelly Williams, BLM; Rick Elefant, private citizen; Dan Efseff, River Partners; Suellen Rowlison, River Partners; Robert LaFleur, Department of Fish and Wildlife Service; Daniel Freed, KVIE-TV Sacramento.

2. Unscheduled Matters - Dan Gover began the meeting with a brief history of the 5th generation ranch. Dan's son, Richard, and Kelly Williams, BLM, provided a tour earlier in the afternoon of the agricultural and riparian easements on the 1,411 acre ranch.

Diana Jacobs & Dwight Russell gave an update on CBDA staff changes; noting that Patrick Wright was named as Assistant Secretary for Resources and DWR's Chief Deputy Joe Grindstaff has been named interim Executive Director of CBDA; information which is available in a press release on their website.

3. Consent Calendar- There was no quorum present to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2005 minutes, or accept the May 6, 2005 Executive Committee meeting notes.

4. Agency Reports – Burt Bundy introduced Robert LaFleur, USF&WS, who heads up the Safe Harbor Program for USF&WS in Sacramento. Robert distributed the brochure *Conservation Profiles: Landowners Help Imperiled Wildlife*. Robert then gave a presentation on Safe Harbor

Agreements, how they fit into SRCAF and landowner protection, and demonstrated benefits for both landowners and imperiled species. He discussed and answered questions regarding baselines, landowner mistrust, compliance, biological monitoring, Section 7 maintenance for flood control projects and other tools (i.e., NRCS, state grants, partners for Fish and Wildlife, CALFED, etc.). The Board Chairman directed the Manager to compile a report on the process, benefits, and responsibilities of the SRCAF in administering a Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement for the SRCA. The report will be provided to the Executive Committee for discussion and possible recommendation to the Board.

Darrin Thome reported staffing changes at USF&WS. Darrin is going to the Regional Office and Ken Sanchez will be replacing him on the SRCAF Board. Caroline Prose will be replaced by Robert LaFleur for the TAC and other SRCAF committees.

Diana Jacobs reported the next Ecosystem Subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, June 16th, and that Tim Ramirez is stepping into the deputy directorship at CALFED. She noted that Tim apologized for missing the Board's Annual BBQ—the first one that he has missed.

5. Board Committee Reports - Jim McKevitt reported the Financial Capacity Committee meeting was held in April and that there is still baseline funding through October 15, 2006. June 1 applications opened for a Teichert grant with an August 26 deadline. Jim will proceed and report at the next meeting. Darrin noted that funding for the SRCAF through 2007 is in the ERP work plan.

Stacy Cepello reviewed the TAC and briefly discussed the SRCAF work plan to address Cross Boundary Issues. He updated the Board on several other activities and reports occurring at TAC meetings. The emergency River Road Project in Butte County was also mentioned and will be discussed further at the next TAC meeting.

Beverley Anderson-Abbs reported Project Tracker reviews have started, beginning with Moulton Weir. Beverley will continue to report on all project follow-ups as they occur.

PILT is on the BDPAC agenda for June 8. Burt and Denny Bungarz will attend and report back to the board at the next meeting.

6. Landowner Incentives Workshop – Beverley reported the Workshop is scheduled for July 28, 1:30 to 4:30p.m., Monday Afternoon Club in Willows, involving presenters, a landowner panel, and a question and answer segment. More information on the workshop will appear in the SRCAF Newsletter due out the end of this month.

7. Future Meeting Date – The next SRCAF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 21, 3:00p.m., at the Monday Afternoon Club in Willows.

About 35 people enjoyed a delicious BBQ after the meeting. Our thanks to Glenn Hawes for cooking superb prime rib, Diana and Rick for the great halibut; Joyce Bundy for the yummy deserts, and Ellen and Beverley for putting it all together.

A special Thanks to Dan and Richard Gover for hosting the SRCAF at their beautiful ranch.